

Diervilla lonicera

Bush Honeysuckle



The leaves of this small shrub emerge in mid-May, turning yellow then orange then red in autumn. Flowering is at its height in July, when small funnel-shaped yellow flowers appear. Textured bark provides interest in winter. Tolerates heat and drought well. Note that this is not one of the exotic invasive honeysuckles (*Lonicera* sp.).

Suggested companions: old-field goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*), little bluestem (*Schizochyrium scoparium*), hazelnut (*Corylus americana*), black oak (*quercus velutina*).

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 1-3' H
1-3' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Forested Upland
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Flower Color:

Yellow
Orange
Red

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

June
July
August

Other Attributes:

Fall color
Winter interest